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1. The Nationalist New 3 Army [redacted] paragraph 347 contacted elements of the 207 Division north of Panchiku (123-43, 41-20). The road from Mukden to Panchiku is now open. The Communist 4 Column moved to the vicinity of Taanping (123-26, 41-40).
2. Seupingchih (124-22, 43-11) is still surrounded by Communists and heavy fighting continues. A Communist artillery brigade is shelling the city from the northeast and southwest.
3. The Nationalist 182, Temporary 21 and Temporary 52 Divisions began moving to Changchun from Kirin; they were expected to reach Changchun in the evening of 11 March. Only local troops are holding Kirin. The move is being made in anticipation of an attack on Changchun following the fall of Seupingchih. The main force of the 60 Army will take the New 7 Army positions in Changchun and vicinity, and the New 7 Army will move south to the Jungchuling (124-50, 43-32) area.

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4. The Nationalist 8 Reorganized Division from Shantung will come to Manchuria if Kiang approves, as the Northeast Bandit Suppression Headquarters has requested this unit.

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5. The Communists have made no further progress at Seupingchih. The morale of the Nationalist troops there is very high. A report from the Nationalist 82 Division gives Nationalist casualties as over 2,000 and Communist casualties as over 6,000.
6. An advance party of the Nationalist 60 Army has arrived at Changchun.
7. All Nationalist units: The 14, 50, 51 and Temporary 52 Divisions are along the railroad from Panchiku to Fengchiku (123-33, 41-34). The 2 Division is north of Hsiao-kou (123-29, 41-27). The 88 and 90 Regiments of the New 20 Division are about 10 kilometers due west of Mukden; the 89 Regiment is at Leopien (123-49, 42-25). The 169 Division is at Shinfouan (123-18, 42-10) and vicinity. The New 22 Division is at Hsinchenpzu (123-30, 42-04).

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8. The Communist 3 Column has penetrated the outer defenses at Ssupingchieh; their 7 Column has also gained ground with the assistance of four tanks. This is the first time tanks have been used since the fourth offensive, when they were used at Tehui (125-54, 44-36) without success. The Communists have also set up twelve anti-aircraft guns north, northwest and southwest of Ssupingchieh, four to each battery. The Communist 2 and 10 Columns control the approaches to Ssupingchieh from the north and the 6 and West 8 Columns control the approaches from the south, so it is impossible for the Nationalists to reinforce the city.

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